

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mrs. Karen Harding on July 22, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 6, 18, 27-30, and 42-51 have been canceled.

Claim 1, at the end of line 11 through the beginning of line 12, replaced "5 minutes" with -- 45 seconds -- .

Claim 14 (amended): A method for manufacturing an article comprising: a.) coating a molding surface of a mold or a mold half with a coating effective amount of a high molecular weight hydrophilic coating composition having a molecular weight of greater than about 300 kD and comprising poly(2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate); b.) dispensing a monomer mixture comprising a hydrogel monomer, silicone-containing hydrogel monomer, or combination thereof into the mold or mold half; and c.) curing the monomer mixture and coating composition using a dwell time of less than about [5 minutes] 45 seconds and under conditions suitable to form an article coated with the coating composition wherein said coating composition does not chemically attach to the article.

Claims 1-3, 8-11, 14-17, 19, 20, 23-26, 31, 32, 34-41, and 52-87 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record does not teach or suggest a method for manufacturing an article including coating a molding surface with a polymeric coating composition having a molecular weight greater than about 300 kD, dispensing a monomer mixture comprising a hydrogel monomer and/or a silicone-containing hydrogel monomer into the coated mold, and curing the monomer mixture and the coating composition using a dwell time, as defined in the disclosure, of less than about 45 seconds and including the coating composition does not chemically attach to the article in combination with the other features instantly claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JEFFREY WOLLSCHLAGER whose telephone number is (571)272-8937. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 6:45 - 4:15, alternating Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Johnson can be reached on 571-272-1176. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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